GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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Welfare of Senior Citizens
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the population of senior citizens in the rural and urban areas in each State/ UT as on date, gender-wise;

(b) whether the Government has recently reviewed the Centrally sponsored schemes for the welfare of senior citizens, if so, the shortcomings noticed and the outcome of the said review; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government for the effective implementation of the schemes for the welfare of the senior citizens?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a): As per Census, 2011, population of senior citizens in the rural and urban areas and gender wise in each State/UT is given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II
(b) and (c): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment does not have any Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the welfare of senior citizens. However, this Ministry is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP), under which grant-in-aid are given for running and maintenance of inter-alia, Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units, Multi Facility Care Centre for Older Widows etc.
While implementing the scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons of this Ministry, two evaluation studies of the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons (IPOP) were conducted during 2011-12. Main findings/ recommendations and outcome thereof of these studies are at Annexure-III. On the basis of findings of the evaluation studies, suitable measures have been taken, including revision of cost norms of IPOP Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2015 and merger of certain components of XII Plan Scheme, in the IPOP Scheme w.e.f. 01.04.2016.